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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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## Little Change in Overall Crop Prospects

Weather damage brought lower estimates for some crops--particularly cotton, peanuts, dry beans and some fruits; but the over-all production of crops as estimated November 1 remains large--about equal to the previous record reached last year and in 1948.

Crops showing some increase from last month include corn, sorghum grain, soybeans, rice, fall potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, sweetpotatoes and apples.

## Better Prospects for Next Year's Small Grains

Fall seedings of wheat, other small grains, and forage have started and grown well--a large factor of early promise for 1958. Winter wheat in many Kansas and other Great Plains sections grew lush in October...excellent ground cover reduces wind erosion hazards and may help wheat reassume its dominant rank throughout the Great Plains after giving ground to sorghums during recent dry years.

## Hay and Pastures, Best in Many Years

This year's hay production, at 121.2 million tons, will compare with 108.7 million in '56 and 104.2 million for the 1946-55 average. Hay and forage supplies are the largest since 1942. Pasture feed condition staged an unusual late gain and on November 1, at 82, far excelled both the average and last year's very poor showing of 58 for this date. After general October rains, Western ranges are the best for the season in 15 years.

Condition of Western cattle and sheep, living high on good grass, is the best since 1945; and demand is reported keen for light livestock ready to turn forage and grain into steaks and chops.

## New Record Production of Feed Grains

Production of all corn is forecast at 3,333 million bushels, 7 percent above average and down from last year by only 3 percent. The 527-million bushel crop of sorghum grain, up 2 percent from last month's estimate, compared with the average crop of 156 million and is more than double last year's crop. Adding to these the average oats crop and large barley crop already in bins gives a feed grain total of nearly 140 million tons, topping the 1948 record by 4 percent and last year's total by 8 percent.

## New High Per Acre Yields

Corn yield per acre, at 46.1 bushels, is a new high and compares with the average of 37.8. Sorghum grain yield is a record 29.2 bushels; compares with last year's 21.9 and the average of 19.0. Oats, 37.4 bushels per acre, will top last year's 34.3; and barley at 28.8 bushels per acre is better than average and only slightly below last year's 29.0.

## Cotton Crop 11.8 Million Bales

The 11.8 million bale cotton crop, forecast November 1, is 11.4 percent less than last year's crop of 13.3 million and compares with the 1946-55 average of 13.7 million. The November forecast is down 5 percent or 613,000 bales from last month's estimate. Maturity of an already late crop was further delayed by cool, rainy weather in much of the Cotton Belt.

## More Oranges Than Last Year

The 1957-58 crop of early and midseason oranges is forecast at 73.3 million boxes--3 percent larger than last season and 26 percent above average. Only California expects a smaller crop than last year.

## Grapefruit Plentiful, Lemons More Than Average

Grapefruit, estimated at 43.3 million boxes, will be about the same as last year's production, though 4 percent below average. Florida's crop is off about 4 percent from last year; Texas, Arizona, and the Desert Valley of California are expected to produce larger crops.

California lemons, indicated at 14.7 million

## Prices of Farm Products

| Commodity                         | Average prices received by farmers |                   | Effective parity prices |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                                   | Sept 15 1957                       | Oct. 15 1957      | October 1957            |
| Basic commodities:                |                                    |                   |                         |
| Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.) .....  | 32.97                              | 32.33             | 37.06                   |
| Wheat (bu.) .....                 | 1.90                               | 1.92              | 2.50                    |
| Rice (100 lb.) .....              | 4.81                               | 4.94              | 5.77                    |
| Corn (bu.) .....                  | 1.15                               | 1.06              | 1.81                    |
| Peanuts (lb.) .....               | 10.5                               | 9.93              | 13.6                    |
| Designated nonbasic commodities:  |                                    |                   |                         |
| Butterfat in cream (lb.) .....    | 59.0                               | 59.1              | 74.3                    |
| Milk, wholesale (100 lb.) .....   | 4.40                               | <sup>1</sup> 4.58 | 4.82                    |
| Wool (lb.) .....                  | <sup>2</sup> 51.6                  | <sup>2</sup> 49.6 | 65.4                    |
| Other nonbasic commodities:       |                                    |                   |                         |
| Barley (bu.) .....                | .818                               | .833              | 1.36                    |
| Cottonseed (ton) .....            | 53.20                              | 49.80             | 71.90                   |
| Flaxseed (bu.) .....              | 3.04                               | 2.99              | 4.56                    |
| Hay, baled (ton) .....            | 18.20                              | 18.50             | 24.90                   |
| Oats (bu.) .....                  | .603                               | .612              | .876                    |
| Potatoes (cwt.) .....             | 1.70                               | 1.58              | 2.44                    |
| Rye (bu.) .....                   | 1.03                               | 1.02              | 1.68                    |
| Sorghum, grain (100 lb.) .....    | 1.57                               | 1.43              | 2.66                    |
| Soybeans (bu.) .....              | 2.13                               | 2.04              | 3.02                    |
| Sweetpotatoes (cwt.) .....        | 2.98                               | 3.27              | 5.21                    |
| Oranges, on tree (box) .....      | 2.31                               | 1.81              | 2.57                    |
| Apples, for fresh use (bu.) ..... | 2.44                               | 2.11              | 2.89                    |
| Beef cattle (100 lb.) .....       | 17.70                              | 17.30             | 22.40                   |
| Calves (100 lb.) .....            | 18.90                              | 19.00             | 24.60                   |
| Hogs (100 lb.) .....              | 19.10                              | 16.90             | 21.90                   |
| Lambs (100 lb.) .....             | 20.20                              | 19.50             | 24.90                   |
| Chickens, all (lb.) .....         | 17.2                               | 15.8              | 28.6                    |
| Eggs (dozen) .....                | 40.0                               | 43.0              | 48.0                    |

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> Does not include incentive payment to bring season average return to 62 cents per pound.

boxes, will be about 5 percent less than last season's production, but up 13 percent from average.

### Smaller Crop of Rice Than Last Year

Production of rice is estimated at 42.9 million bags (100 lb.)--up a million bags from a month ago but down 10 percent from last year's crop and 5 percent below average.

### Fewer Peanuts Than Last Year

Peanuts for picking and threshing at 1,504 million pounds compare with 1,602 million produced last year and 1,760 million average. New estimate is down 2 percent from last month.

### Big Crop of Cranberries

Cranberry production, estimated at 1,037,000 bushels, will be about 7 percent larger than last year and 10 percent above average.

### Other Crops... November 1 Forecast

Fall potatoes--the 155.8 million hundredweight is 7 percent less than last year, though 4 percent

### Livestock and Livestock Products

| Item   | Unit       | Jan-Sept.<br>1956  | Jan-Sept.<br>1957  |
|--|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Dairy Production</b>                                  |            |                    |                    |
| Milk.....  | Bil. lb.   | <sup>1</sup> 107.8 | <sup>1</sup> 108.8 |
| Evaporated whole milk.....                               | Mil. lb.   | 2,076              | (5)                |
| Dry nonfat milk solids<br>(for human food).....          | Mil. lb.   | 1,246              | (5)                |
| Butter, creamery.....                                    | Mil. lb.   | 1,123              | 1,120              |
| Cheese, American.....                                    | Mil. lb.   | 813                | 836                |
| Ice cream.....   | Mil. gal.  | 517                | 517                |
| <b>Poultry Production</b>                                |            |                    |                    |
| Eggs.....  | Billions   | <sup>1</sup> 50.9  | <sup>1</sup> 51.1  |
| Poultry meat <sup>2</sup> .....                          | Mil. lb.   | 3,200              | 3,354              |
| Canned poultry.....                                      | Mil. lb.   | 137                | 158                |
| Liquid egg.....  | Mil. lb.   | 429                | 442                |
| Dried egg (egg solids).....                              | Mil. lb.   | 18.3               | 25.5               |
| Frozen egg.....  | Mil. lb.   | 328                | 314                |
| Chicks hatched-Total <sup>3</sup> .....                  | Millions   | <sup>1</sup> 1,877 | <sup>1</sup> 1,825 |
| Chicks hatched-Broiler <sup>4</sup> .....                | Millions   | <sup>1</sup> 1,239 | <sup>1</sup> 1,302 |
| Poults hatched <sup>3</sup> .....                        |            |                    |                    |
| Heavy breeds.....  | Millions   | <sup>1</sup> 67.2  | <sup>1</sup> 69.4  |
| Light breeds.....  | Millions   | <sup>1</sup> 13.2  | 12.0               |
| <b>Meat Production <sup>2</sup><br/>(dressed weight)</b> |            |                    |                    |
| Beef.....  | Mil. lb.   | 10,442             | 10,435             |
| Veal.....  | Mil. lb.   | 1,120              | 1,088              |
| Pork.....  | Mil. lb.   | 7,412              | 6,897              |
| Lamb and mutton.....                                     | Mil. lb.   | 543                | 530                |
| Total red meat.....                                      | Mil. lb.   | 19,517             | 18,950             |
| <b>Slaughter <sup>2</sup></b>                            |            |                    |                    |
| Cattle.....  | 1,000 head | 19,700             | 19,751             |
| Calves.....  | 1,000 head | 9,031              | 8,819              |
| Hogs.....  | 1,000 head | 56,512             | 52,237             |
| Sheep and lambs.....                                     | 1,000 head | 11,910             | 11,399             |

<sup>1</sup> January-October

<sup>2</sup> Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>3</sup> By commercial hatcheries. <sup>4</sup> 13 principal producing areas.

<sup>5</sup> Not available at publication date.

above average and up 3 percent from last month's estimate.

Soybeans--491 million bushels, compared with 456 million in 1956 and 272 million average.

Beans, dry edible--16 million bags (100 pounds cleaned basis), compared with 17 million in 1956 and average.

Apples--116 million bushels, 16 percent above last year and 6 percent above average.

Pears--32 million bushels, 1 percent less than the 1956 production but 7 percent above average.

Grapes--2.6 million tons, 10 percent below last year and 12 percent below average.

Pecans--121.6 million pounds, 30 percent less than last year and 12 percent below average.

Sweetpotatoes--17 million hundredweight, 3 percent above 1956 but 14 percent below average.

### Milk Production Plentiful

On a per capita basis, milk production last month was about equal to October last year--1.76 pounds per person per day. But the 9,412 million pounds produced last month was a record, 1 percent above the previous record reached in

### Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

| Item  | 1956      |           | 1957      |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Oct.      | Yr.       | Aug.      | Sept.     | Oct.      |
| Nonfarm employment, (civilian) <sup>1</sup> .....                     | Mil. 59.0 | Mil. 58.4 | Mil. 59.6 | Mil. 59.2 | Mil. 59.2 |
| Farm employment.....  | 9.5       | 7.9       | 9.0       | 9.9       | 9.2       |
| Family.....   | 7.1       | 6.0       | 6.4       | 7.1       | 6.9       |
| Hired.....  | 2.4       | 1.9       | 2.7       | 2.8       | 2.3       |
| Index numbers (1947-49 = 100)   |           |           |           |           |           |
| Industrial production <sup>2</sup> .....                              | 146       | 143       | 145       | 144       | 142       |
| Total personal income payments <sup>3</sup> .....                     | 165       | 162       | 172       | 172       | ---       |
| Weekly factory earnings <sup>4</sup> .....                            | 169       | 161       | 165       | 165       | 162       |
| Average earnings of factory<br>workers, per worker <sup>4</sup> ..... | 155       | 151       | 156       | 157       | 155       |
| Wholesale prices, all commodities <sup>4</sup> .....                  | 116       | 114       | 118       | 118       | 118       |
| Farm commodities.....   | 88        | 88        | 93        | 91        | 92        |
| Food, processed.....  | 104       | 102       | 107       | 106       | 106       |
| Consumer price index <sup>4</sup> .....                               | 118       | 116       | 121       | 121       | ---       |
| Food.....   | 113       | 112       | 118       | 117       | ---       |
| Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)   |           |           |           |           |           |
| Prices received by farmers.....                                       | 234       | 235       | 248       | 245       | 240       |
| Crops.....  | 231       | 240       | 233       | 228       | 224       |
| Food grains.....  | 225       | 224       | 217       | 217       | 219       |
| Feed grains and hay.....  | 178       | 185       | 169       | 163       | 156       |
| Cotton.....   | 270       | 268       | 278       | 279       | 273       |
| Tobacco.....  | 453       | 453       | 469       | 484       | 483       |
| Oil bearing crops.....  | 249       | 250       | 252       | 244       | 231       |
| Fruit.....  | 221       | 219       | 200       | 193       | 187       |
| Vegetables for fresh market.....                                      | 208       | 247       | 248       | 221       | 221       |
| Livestock and products.....   | 236       | 230       | 260       | 259       | 254       |
| Meat animals.....   | 243       | 238       | 301       | 291       | 274       |
| Dairy products.....   | 274       | 259       | 260       | 269       | 277       |
| Poultry and eggs.....   | 167       | 177       | 167       | 174       | 180       |
| Prices paid by farmers  |           |           |           |           |           |
| All commodities.....  | 265       | 264       | 273       | 273       | 273       |
| Used in living.....   | 279       | 278       | 287       | 287       | 286       |
| Used in production.....   | 250       | 249       | 257       | 258       | 258       |
| Commodities, interest, taxes, and<br>wage rates (parity index).....   | 288       | 285       | 295       | 296       | 296       |
| Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted.....                             | 550       | 536       | 552       | 552       | 565       |
| Parity ratio (prices received to<br>parity index).....                | 81        | 82        | 84        | 83        | 81        |

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of the Census.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Reserve Board.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Commerce. <sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics.



October last year and 9 percent above the October average. And the 108.8 billion pounds produced in the first 10 months of 1957 topped production in the same period a year earlier by 1 percent.

### 5 Percent Fewer Eggs

The 4,597 million eggs laid last month were 5 percent less than in October last year. The 1946-55 average production for October is 4,009 million. Production January through October totaled 51,111 million roughly the same as a year earlier. Laying flock averaged 311,050,000 layers in October, 5 percent less than last year. The number of potential layers on farms November 1--364 million--was down 7 percent from a year ago.

### Farmers Get About 22 Cents for Turkeys

Farmers averaged receiving 22.3 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in mid-October. This compared with 25.9 cents a year earlier and 22.9 cents in September.

### Feeding Less Favorable for Turkeys

The egg-feed and broiler-feed price relationships were more favorable to producers in mid-October than a year earlier, while the turkey-feed price ratio was less favorable. Feed cost an average of \$3.37 per 100 pounds, compared with \$3.53 a year earlier and \$3.43 in September.

### Fewer Lambs for Winter, Spring Feeding

Fewer sheep and lambs are expected to be fed for the winter and early spring market than last year. Feeding in the Corn Belt States will be at only a slightly lower level than last year; Western States, a larger decline.

The 1957 lamb crop was 3 percent less than in 1956. It was the smallest since 1953, though about the same as the 1946-55 average. The lamb crop in the 11 Western States, South Dakota and Texas was 5 percent less than a year earlier, but in the 35 native Sheep States it was 1 percent larger.

Market receipts and estimated Federally inspected slaughter for October are down from last year and indicate a July-October total about 8 percent less than for the same period in 1956.

### Farm Employment Downswing Continues

Hired farm workers dropped 17 percent, or 478,000 workers, and farm family workers dropped 4 percent, or 290,000 in October as compared with a month earlier. And the 9.2 million persons (farm family and hired) at work on farms late in October were down 300 thousand from a year ago, continuing the downswing in farm employment. Of the total at work, 6.9 million were farm family workers and 2.3 million were hired workers.

Cotton picking rates in October averaged \$2.60 per 100 pounds of seed cotton, down 5 cents per hundred from a year earlier.

### Market Vegetables Fewer by 6 Percent

Vegetables for fresh market this fall will be about 6 percent under last year's fall output, though topping average by 4 percent. Most of the

decline from last year will be in cabbage; declines also in carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, tomatoes and celery. Big increase in lettuce; other increases include sweet corn, cucumbers, snap beans, green peppers and egg-plant.

## CURRENT ESTIMATES

### Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings by States, September 1957<sup>1</sup>

| State                   | Livestock<br>and<br>products | Crops            | Total            |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | 1,000<br>dollars             | 1,000<br>dollars | 1,000<br>dollars |
| Maine.....              | 9,756                        | 2,239            | 11,995           |
| New Hampshire.....      | 4,834                        | 1,105            | 5,939            |
| Vermont.....            | 8,399                        | 555              | 8,954            |
| Massachusetts.....      | 10,100                       | 5,599            | 15,699           |
| Rhode Island.....       | 1,329                        | 568              | 1,897            |
| Connecticut.....        | 9,446                        | 3,398            | 12,844           |
| New York.....           | 50,178                       | 35,509           | 85,687           |
| New Jersey.....         | 17,569                       | 15,605           | 33,174           |
| Pennsylvania.....       | 48,586                       | 20,206           | 68,792           |
| North Atlantic.....     | 160,197                      | 84,784           | 244,981          |
| Ohio.....               | 56,917                       | 29,383           | 86,300           |
| Indiana.....            | 63,420                       | 40,954           | 104,374          |
| Illinois.....           | 89,204                       | 73,926           | 163,130          |
| Michigan.....           | 32,672                       | 39,230           | 71,902           |
| Wisconsin.....          | 68,070                       | 19,835           | 87,905           |
| East North Central..... | 310,283                      | 203,328          | 513,611          |
| Minnesota.....          | 62,691                       | 25,669           | 88,360           |
| Iowa.....               | 139,679                      | 28,604           | 168,283          |
| Missouri.....           | 64,899                       | 26,223           | 91,122           |
| North Dakota.....       | 15,040                       | 58,193           | 73,233           |
| South Dakota.....       | 29,112                       | 23,483           | 52,595           |
| Nebraska.....           | 60,313                       | 28,692           | 89,005           |
| Kansas.....             | 56,899                       | 41,193           | 98,092           |
| West North Central..... | 428,633                      | 232,057          | 660,690          |
| Delaware.....           | 7,419                        | 2,308            | 9,727            |
| Maryland.....           | 13,554                       | 4,609            | 18,163           |
| Virginia.....           | 23,540                       | 15,625           | 39,165           |
| West Virginia.....      | 8,990                        | 2,072            | 11,062           |
| North Carolina.....     | 23,262                       | 167,872          | 191,134          |
| South Carolina.....     | 8,326                        | 33,647           | 41,973           |
| Georgia.....            | 30,908                       | 41,396           | 72,304           |
| Florida.....            | 12,842                       | 7,984            | 20,826           |
| South Atlantic.....     | 128,841                      | 275,513          | 404,354          |
| Kentucky.....           | 26,016                       | 4,743            | 30,759           |
| Tennessee.....          | 20,423                       | 14,011           | 34,434           |
| Alabama.....            | 18,360                       | 24,799           | 43,159           |
| Mississippi.....        | 15,443                       | 19,135           | 34,578           |
| Arkansas.....           | 17,725                       | 24,086           | 41,811           |
| Louisiana.....          | 11,313                       | 25,735           | 37,048           |
| Oklahoma.....           | 32,401                       | 7,964            | 40,365           |
| Texas.....              | 80,943                       | 70,591           | 151,534          |
| South Central.....      | 222,624                      | 191,064          | 413,688          |
| Montana.....            | 20,924                       | 39,930           | 60,854           |
| Idaho.....              | 14,524                       | 29,948           | 44,472           |
| Wyoming.....            | 16,418                       | 3,277            | 19,695           |
| Colorado.....           | 27,780                       | 21,731           | 49,511           |
| New Mexico.....         | 6,381                        | 4,223            | 10,604           |
| Arizona.....            | 9,692                        | 7,835            | 17,527           |
| Utah.....               | 13,206                       | 5,102            | 18,308           |
| Nevada.....             | 2,326                        | 465              | 2,791            |
| Washington.....         | 18,914                       | 74,736           | 93,650           |
| Oregon.....             | 18,504                       | 39,637           | 58,141           |
| California.....         | 83,477                       | 150,646          | 234,123          |
| Western.....            | 232,146                      | 377,530          | 609,676          |
| United States.....      | 1,482,724                    | 1,364,276        | 2,847,000        |

<sup>1</sup>All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

# Cash Receipts from Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States<sup>1</sup>

|   | Sept. 1957       | Oct. 1957 <sup>2</sup> |
|---|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>                             | <i>Mil. dol.</i> | <i>Mil. dol.</i>       |
| Total marketings and CCC loans <sup>3</sup> ..... | 2,847            | 3,500                  |
| Livestock and products.....                       | 1,483            | 1,700                  |
| Meat animals.....                                 | 831              |                        |
| Dairy products.....                               | 365              |                        |
| Poultry and eggs.....                             | 267              |                        |
| Other.....  | 20               |                        |
| Crops.....  | 1,364            | 1,800                  |
| Food grains.....                                  | 332              |                        |
| Feed crops.....                                   | 163              |                        |
| Cotton (lint and seed).....                       | 150              |                        |
| Oil-bearing crops.....                            | 118              |                        |
| Tobacco.....                                      | 174              |                        |
| Vegetables.....                                   | 194              |                        |
| Fruits and tree nuts.....                         | 109              |                        |
| Other.....  | 124              |                        |
| Government payments.....                          | 107              |                        |
| Grand total.....                                  | 2,954            |                        |
|   | 1947-49 = 100    |                        |
| <b>VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:</b>                 |                  |                        |
| All commodities.....                              | 130              | 165                    |
| Livestock and products.....                       | 126              | 149                    |
| Crops.....  | 135              | 185                    |

<sup>1</sup> For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary. <sup>3</sup> Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

## Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Marketing Margin and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's  
Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

| Year and month      | Retail cost <sup>1</sup> | Farm value <sup>2</sup> | Marketing margin | Farmer's share |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1956 average.....   | 972                      | 390                     | 582              | 40             |
| 1956 September..... | 988                      | 402                     | 586              | 41             |
| 1957 August.....    | 1,036                    | 419                     | 617              | 40             |
| 1957 September..... | 1,026                    | 411                     | 615              | 40             |

<sup>1</sup> Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.  
For comparisons with earlier months and years see the November 1957 issue of The Marketing and Transportation Situation.

# Index Numbers of Total Farm Output, Gross Production of Livestock and Crops, and Related Indexes, United States<sup>1</sup> (1947-49=100)

| Item  | 1954-56 | 1956 | Indicated 1957 <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---------|------|-----------------------------|
| Farm output.....  | 111     | 113  | 113                         |
| All livestock and products <sup>3</sup> .....             | 120     | 122  | 121                         |
| Meat animals.....   | 124     | 123  | 121                         |
| Dairy products.....                                       | 108     | 110  | 111                         |
| Poultry and eggs.....                                     | 128     | 136  | 135                         |
| All crops <sup>4</sup> .....                              | 104     | 106  | 106                         |
| Feed grains.....  | 110     | 111  | 119                         |
| Hay and forage.....                                       | 112     | 111  | 127                         |
| Food grains.....  | 83      | 83   | 77                          |
| Vegetables.....   | 99      | 106  | 95                          |
| Fruits and nuts.....                                      | 106     | 111  | 112                         |
| Sugar crops.....  | 111     | 109  | 126                         |
| Cotton.....   | 98      | 94   | 83                          |
| Tobacco.....  | 108     | 106  | 83                          |
| Oil crops.....  | 133     | 155  | 151                         |
| Feed used by farm horses and mules <sup>5</sup> .....     | 43      | 39   | 35                          |
| Cropland used.....  | 99      | 98   | 95                          |
| Crop production per acre <sup>6</sup> .....               | 105     | 108  | 112                         |
| Animal units of breeding livestock <sup>7</sup> .....     | 105     | 104  | 103                         |
| Livestock production per breeding unit <sup>7</sup> ..... | 114     | 117  | 117                         |

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<sup>1</sup> For historical data and explanation of indexes, see "Changes in Farm Production and Efficiency," ARS 43-55.

<sup>2</sup> Indications for 1957 based on November 1957 "Crop Production" report and other releases of the Agricultural Estimates Division, AMS.

<sup>3</sup> Includes minor livestock products not included in the separate groups shown.

<sup>4</sup> Includes production of some miscellaneous crops not in separate groups shown.

<sup>5</sup> Hay and concentrates only. Not included in farm output.

<sup>6</sup> Index of crop production per acre is a ratio of total crop production to total land used for crops. It differs from the AMS index of yields per harvested acre of 28 crops.

<sup>7</sup> Animal units and production exclude horses and mules.

## Smaller Production for Processing

This year's production of nine important vegetables for processing is estimated at 6.63 million tons. This compares with 8.09 million tons harvested last year and the average of 5.86 million tons.

